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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PREDICTING THE LIFE OF A ROLLING

BEARING, ROLLING BEARING SELECTION APPARATUS USING THE LIFE

PREDICTION APPARATUS, AND STORAGE MEDIUM

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NSK Technical Journal No. 655 is disclosed on page 4 in the specification for the

above-identified application.

NSK Technical Journal No. 652 is disclosed on page 9 in the specification for the

above-identified application.

ASTM STP 1195, J.J.C. Hoo, Ed., 1993 is disclosed on page 5 in the specification for

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Japan Tribology Conference is accompanied by an English language translation.

ASME transactions, Journal of Tribology is accompanied by an English language

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Beiblatt (1993) is accompanied by an English language translation.

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